

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A three-dimensional joint[[,]] structure{[,]} made of two hollow profiles, of a support frame for vehicles, ~~in which the first hollow profile has comprising a first hollow profile having~~ at least one planar side and ~~is cut through a separating cut~~ around its circumference in one single plane except for a web lying in the planar side and ~~is bent around the web; and this web; and the second hollow profile has a second hollow profile having~~ at least two directly neighboring planar sides, which press against the ends of the first hollow profile facing toward one another, which result ~~through the from~~ cutting and bending, the two hollow profiles being integrally joined to one another at the edge regions of the first hollow profile, wherein the edge region of the first hollow profile comprise a quadrilateral cutout, curved corresponding to an edge radius, which extends along the separating cut over the entire edge radius, and is disposed symmetrically to the separating cut.
2. (Currently amended) The joint structure according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ contours of the two hollow profiles press against one another without gaps.
3. (Previously presented) The joint structure according to claim 1. wherein the first hollow profile has projecting edge regions on its ends facing toward one another, which press against the second hollow profile.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) The joint structure according to claim 4, wherein ~~the cut-out~~ cutouts have rounded corners.

6. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a joint structure according to claim 1, comprising the following method steps:

a) cutting through a first hollow profile having at least one planar side around its circumference in one single plane except for a web lying in the planar side,

b) bending the first, partially cut-through hollow profile around the web lying in the planar side,

c) placing ~~the two directly neighboring~~ planar sides of a second hollow profile, ~~which has two directly neighboring planar sides~~, on the ends of the first hollow profile facing toward one another, which result ~~through from~~ the cutting and bending, and

d) integrally joining the second hollow profile to the first hollow profile at ~~these~~ edge regions, wherein the edge region of the first hollow profile comprise a quadrilateral cutout, curved corresponding to an edge radius, which extends along the separating cut over the entire edge radius, and is disposed symmetrically to the separating cut.

7. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein, before the cutting, the first hollow profile is deformed around its circumference except for a web lying in the planar ~~surface side~~ and the separating cut is laid through the middle of the deformation.

8. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 7, wherein the deformation is introduced into the first hollow profile through hydroforming.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the first hollow profile is cut through laser beam cutting.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the hollow profiles are joined by welding or soldering.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the welding or soldering is performed using laser beams.